

**Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Five-Year Progress Report
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Below are the amounts of Federal Universal Service Support that was received in 2014. **(Line 114 of Form 481)**

Year 2014 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

Interstate Common Line Support	\$	
Connect America Fund Support	\$	
High Cost Loop Support	\$	
Safety Net Additive Support	\$	
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding. (Lines 115 through 117 of Form 481)

Funds from USF and other revenue sources are used to upgrade and support the network. These expenses and capital expenditures are greater than the amount received exclusively from USF. The expenses and capital expenditures below are total company operating expenses and capital expenditures.

Network support	\$	
General support	\$	
Central office	\$	
Cable and wire facilities	\$	
Network operations	\$	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	
Customer Operations Expenses		
Customer services	\$	
Corporate Operations Expenses		
Executive and planning	\$	
General and administrative	\$	
Total Operating Expenses	\$	
Capital Additions		
Land & Support Assets	\$	
COE Switching	\$	
COE Transmission	\$	
Cable & Wire Facilities	\$	
Total Capital Additions	\$	
Total Supported Expenditures	\$	

It is estimated that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2015.

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Provide an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year (Line 118 of Form 481).

Based on year-to-date progress in 2015, Nebraska Central Telephone Company believes that the 2015 network improvement targets provided in the 2014 Five Year Plan will be accomplished. The 2014 Plan was based on a 4/1 broadband standard. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard being moved to 10/1.

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